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Annual Report

OF THE **Municipal Officers** OF THE

Town of DIXFIELD

For the Year Ending February Fifteenth

1911

ANNUAL REPORT

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Town of Dixfield

For the

Year Ending February 15th, 1911

Holt Brothers Print Shop
Dixfield, Maine
1911

TOWN OFFICERS

Clerk

FRANK H. GILCREASE

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

M. W. FORSTER ALBION HOLMAN FRANK BROWN

Collector and Constable

J. P. EDMUNDS

Treasurer

JOHN S. HARLOW

School Committee

WM. W. WAITE W. S. MARBLE J. S. HARLOW

Superintendent of Schools

F. G. WADSWORTH

Road Commissioner

GEORGE T. PORTER

Board of Health

J. S. STURTEVANT, M. D., term expires 1911
W. M. PEASE, M. D., term expires 1912
S. G. WHEELWRIGHT, term expires 1913

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Report of the Selectmen of the Town of Dixfield for the year ending February 15th, 1911.

Valuation of Real Est., resident,	$321,015 00	
" " non-rest.,	51,170 00	
Total Real Estate,		$372,185 00
Personal Estate, resident,	104,701 00	
" " non-resident,	10,420 00	
Total Personal Est.,		$115,121 00
Total Real and Pers.,		$487,306 00

Appropriated and Assessed

For Common schools	$2,000 00
School books and supplies	300 00
School repairs	300 00
School fund	45 00
Insurance	50 00
District superintendent	150 00
Time orders due	1,000 00
Interest on time orders	640 00
Town officers salaries	615 00
Hydrants	300 00
Support of poor	400 00
Roads and bridges	2,500 00
Interest on cemetery fund	64 00
Miscellaneous town charges	500 00
Free high school	550 00
State road	200 00

For Memorial day	$ 25 00	
Public library	200 00	
State tax	2,200 81	
County tax	681 26	
Overlay	411 83	
Total commitment		$13,132 90

Number of polls, 315
Rate of poll tax, $3.00
Rate of real estate tax, .025

Amount of poll tax	$ 945 00	
Real and pers. est. tax	12,187 90	
	$13,132 90	
Supplementary tax	11 75	
		$13,144 65

Live Stock Statistics

	No.	Ave. Value	Total Value
Horses	261	$67 60	$17,645 00
Colts, 3 to 4 ys. old	10	37 50	375 00
Colts, 2 to 3 ys. old	7	37 85	265 00
Colts, under 2 ys. old	7	24 28	170 00
Cows	333	21 45	7,150 00
Oxen	8	38 75	310 00
Oxen, 3 ys. old	124	15 72	1,950 00
Oxen, 2 ys. old	92	12 01	1,105 00
Oxen, 1 yr. old	70	5 14	360 00
Sheep	205	3 10	636 00
Swine	114	8 42	960 00
Total amount			$30,926 00

All Other Kinds of Personal Property

	No.	Value	
Bank stock, shares	120	$ 9,600 00	
Trust Co.'s stock, "	20	1,600 00	
Other Co.'s " " (bridge)	53	4,240 00	
Money at interest		13,000 00	
Stock in trade		16,275 00	
Shipping		900 00	
Logs and lumber		2,900 00	
Carriages	38	785 00	
Automobiles	13	6,975 00	
Musical instruments	56	4,235 00	
Materials in stock		12,150 00	
Machinery not taxed as real est.		935 00	
Other property		10,600 00	
Total amount			$ 84,195 00
Amount of live stock, bro't for'd			30,926 00
			$115,121 00

Municipal Town Officers

Appropriation		$615 00
Paid J P Edmunds- tax col'r, 1910-'11	$150 00	
Geo. W Dockham, truant of'r, '10-'11,	10 00	
Will S Marble, school com'tee, "	10 00	
J P Edmunds, tax collector and constable, balance, 1910-'11	137 71	
M W Forster, selectman, 1910-'11	75 00	
Albion Holman, " "	65 00	
Frank Brown, " "	60 00	
Wm. W Waite, school com'tee, '10-'11	10 00	
Frank H Gilcrease, clerk, 1910-'11	20 65	
John S Harlow, treasurer, "	75 00	
		$613 36
Balance		$ 1 64

District Superintendent

Balance from last year	$ 33 75	
Appropriation	150 00	
		$183 75
Paid F G Wadsworth		150 00
Balance		$ 33 75

Common Schools

Balance from last year	$ 31 93	
Appropriation	2,000 00	
Permanent school fund	45 00	
School fund and mill tax	1,813 71	
Tuition from Percy Childs	30 00	
Lena Raymond,	5 00	
N B Woodsum	5 00	
A H Hall	10 00	
Town of Mexico,	25 00	
		$3,965 64
Paid Teachers' wages	$2,225 00	
Janitors	471 00	
Conveying scholars	271 00	
For fuel	501 73	
Town of Wilton	389 56	
		$3,858 29
Balance		$107 35

Free High School

Balance from last year	$183 00	
Appropriation	550 00	
Tuition from Mrs. Nellie Babb, Peru	90 00	
*Overdrawn	291 00	
		$1,119 00
Teachers' wages		$1,119 00
*Due from State	$500 00	

Laboratory

Balance from last year		$191 87
Paid L E Knott App. Co	$ 5 82	
J L Hammett & Co	22 00	
Orchard Garage	1 50	
Guy O Gardner	10 25	
		$ 39 57
Balance		$152 30

School Books and Supplies

Balance from last year	$ 61 93	
Appropriation	300 00	
Sara C Lane	2 10	
		$364 03
Paid The Macey Co., blank cards, cabinet	$14 93	
Benj. H Sanborn & Co	5 34	
F G Wadsworth, telephone charges and postage	1 00	
American Book Co	8 40	
Ed. E Babb & Co., school supplies	6 47	
Z W Taylor, express	4 50	
Milton Bradley Co	12 09	
J L Hammett & Co	1 75	

Paid Ginn & Co., books	$10 08	
Oxford Printing Co	1 75	
American Book Co., books	5 76	
Rand, McNally Co	7 20	
Atchinson, Mentzer & Grover	17 95	
M T Goodrich, paper, freight and cartage, exp's, postage, telephone,	5 54	
F G Wadsworth, postage, telephone	1 48	
Ginn & Co	2 40	
Oxford Printing Co	5 35	
Silver, Burdett & Co	25 63	
J L Hammett & Co	12 84	
American Book Co	6 64	
Thompson, Brown Co., books	12 87	
Edward E Babb & Co., books	2 88	
D C Heath & Co	2 88	
Houghton-Mifflin Co	11 52	
F G Wadsworth, postage, telephone	1 79	
Ed. E Babb & Co., school supplies	6 34	
American Book Co	18 90	
J L Hammett & Co	5 82	
M T Goodrich, school b'ks, equipment,	2 71	
F G Wadsworth, express, postage, telephone, paper	7 52	
American Book Co	8 64	
Edward E Babb & Co	4 20	
Ginn & Co	16 08	
		$259 25
Balance		$104 78

School Repairs

Balance from last year	$ 1 95	
Appropriation	300 00	
		$301 95
Paid Geo. E Moy, lead pipe, nails, labor	$ 7 95	
Floyd Macomber, labor	1 88	
John J Towle, labor	4 50	
D F Newton, labor	4 50	
J L Hammett & Co	23 44	
N W Sewall Co., paint	7 15	
Percy D Drown	2 00	
Chas. Stanley's Sons, merchandise	2 89	
Phebe M Turner, janitor service	3 00	
W E Towle, hauling seats	1 50	
Frank Fish, labor on Center school house	3 00	
Milwaukee Dustless Brush Co	4 25	
A H Stockbridge, hardware	34 47	
Dixfield Light & Improvement Co	28 00	
Town of Mexico, drinking fountains	16 00	
Percy Drown, janitor service, labor	5 35	
Dixfield Light & Improvement Co	10 00	
Chas. Stanley's Sons, mdse	1 30	
Dixfield Light & Improvement Co	2 28	
Goe. R Wills, plumbing material	3 14	
Albion Holman, labor and material for Science Hill school house	7 23	
W W Waite, labor and material for Center school house	13 10	
W W Waite, lumber	3 60	
C L Dillingham, hardware	1 30	
		$191 83
Balance		$110 12

Sewer Repairs Account

Received from R B Sanders for plank	$ 75	
F H Keene, entering sewer	25 00	
M T Judkins, " "	25 00	
N D Marsh, " "	25 00	
O E Paine, " "	25 00	
I O Babb, for pipe	1 00	
		$101 75

No orders drawn.

Hydrant Rental

Appropriation		$300 00
Paid Dixfield Village Corporation	$150 00	
" " "	150 00	
Total		$300 00

Memorial Day

Balance from last year	$25 35	
Appropriation	25 00	
		$50 35
Paid W W Abbott		$50 35

Roads and Bridges

SUMMER WORK

Balance from last year	$ 119 72	
Appropriation	2,500 00	
		$2,619 72
35% transferred to account for winter work	$ 875 00	
Orders drawn	1,725 99	
		$2,600 99
Balance		$ 18 73

Roads and Bridges

WINTER WORK

Balance from last year	$100 16	
35% transferred from acc'nt of summer work	875 00	
Transferred from unappropriated funds in treas'y	85 09	
		$1,060 25
Orders drawn		$1,060 25

State Highways

Appropriation $200 00

No orders drawn.

Miscellaneous Town Charges

Balance from last year	$ 41 38	
Appropriation	500 00	
From State for sheep killed by dogs, 1909	35 50	
From State for sheep killed by dogs, 1910	84 00	
		$660 88
Paid F W Sanborn, printing moth notices,	$ 2 25	
W W Waite, ballot clerk, 1909	3 00	
V O White, birth and death certificates, 1909	6 25	
W W Waite, expense to New Sharon	13 64	
Albion Holman, expense to New Sharon	3 90	
Holt Bros., town reports	53 80	
Holt Bros., envelopes and letter h'ds,	5 80	
Holt Bros., cards	85	
Loring, Short & Harmon, blank b'ks and supplies	16 35	

Paid Maine Tel. & Tel. Co., toll calls for February	$	54
Maine Tel. & Tel. Co., toll calls for March		80
E E Brown, hunting brown tail moths,	9	00
Maine Tel. & Tel. Co., toll calls for April		40
Loring, Short & Harmon, cash book for treasurer	3	25
Henry Nelson, taking levels on upper Main street near Fair Grounds for drain	13	50
Maine Tel. & Tel. Co., toll calls for June		55
Maine Tel. & Tel. Co., toll calls for July		55
Maine Tel. & Tel. Co., toll calls for August		15
Henry Nelson, for attendance at hearing in case, Howe vs. Dixfield	5	00
Loring, Short & Harmon, tax collector's law	1	00
E L Torrey, services as ballot clerk	3	00
E A Sterns, damage and cost, Howe vs. Dixfield	110	62
W M Andrews, sheep killed by dogs	10	00
Almon Coolidge, " " "	50	00
James S Wright, consultation on case Howe vs. Dixfield	41	64
D M Torrey & Son, sheep killed by dogs	10	00
W C Hall, sheep killed by dogs	14	00
G L Rowe, cutting bushes on Weld road	22	00
C H Rowe, cutting bushes on Weld road	19	25
Scott Lamb, cutting bushes on Weld road	23	65
Maine Tel. & Tel. Co., toll calls for November		15
Town of Peru, acct. of Peru ferry	68	35

Paid Geo. T Porter, services as ballot clerk,	$ 3 00	
F W Sanborn, browd tail moth notices	2 00	
Maine Tel. & Tel. Co., toll calls for May	25	
J S Sturtevant, M D, services in committment of Roswell Merrill to Insane Hospital	5 00	
W M Pease, M D, services in commitment of Roswell Merrill to Insane Hospital	5 00	
Frank Brown, team for truant officer,	5 25	
V O White, M D, birth and death certificates	2 75	
Will S Marble, services as ballot clerk,	3 00	
W W Waite, postage stamps	3 00	
J S Sturtevant, M D, secretary board of health	15 50	
W M Pease, M D, birth and death certificates	1 50	
Wm. W Waite, services as ballot clerk,	3 00	
		$562 59
Balance		$ 98 29

New School House

Balance from last year	$ 27 13	
Paid E M Damon, labor	4 50	
Balance		$ 22 63

Support of Poor

Appropriation	$400 00	
From Town of Mexico	20 14	
Chas. S Durrell, account of Lena E Durrell	17 75	
		$437 89

GEORGE BLAKE

Paid Mrs. Roscoe Babb	$ 9 00	
I B Wing	27 00	
Chas. Stanley's Sons	9 25	
Town of Avon	62 70	
W E Smith	102 40	
V O White	7 75	
J S Sturtevant	1 50	
Frank Brown	3 60	
		$223 20

JAMES MCALLISTER

Paid A W Smith	$ 63 00	
		$ 63 00

HIRAM STONE

Paid Guy O Gardner	$ 2 00	
Frank Fish	30 00	
		$ 32 00

ROSCOE COOLIDGE

Paid Town of Peru	$ 59 78	
		$ 59 78

Support of Insane

LENA DURRELL

Paid Town of Peru	$ 17 75		
Chas. L Durrell has paid this acct. in full		$ 17 75	
			$395 73
Balance			$ 42 16

Funds Held in Trust

Eustis Fund, $500.

Feb. 16, 1910, balance	$109 44	
Appropriation	20 00	
		$129 44
Paid:		
June 17, 1910, G L Rowe	$3 33	
Aug. 24, David Atkins, material and labor in cemetery at lower end Main street	2 11	
		$ 5 44
Balance		$124 00

Riverside Cemetery Fund, $1,000.

Feb. 16, 1910, balance	$43 30	
Appropriation	40 00	
		$83 30
Paid:		
April 9, 1910, J M Holland, one year's interest to Jan. 12, 1910	$40 00	
Feb. 10, 1911, J M Holland	40 00	
Error in computing interest	3 30	
		$83 30

H. M. Glines Fund, $50.

Feb. 16, 1910, balance	$2 00
Paid:	
April 9, 1910, J M Holland, one year's interest to Jan. 12, 1910	2 00

T. V. Knowles Fund, $50.

Feb. 16, 1910, balance	$2 00
Paid:	
April 9, 1910, J M Holland, one year's interest to Jan. 12, 1910	2 00

Greenwood Cemetery

JOHN S. HARLOW, TRUSTEE

Feb. 16, 1910, balance	$194 12	
Oct. 1, 1910, one year's interest	6 84	
Mrs. E S Swett	25 00	
C Arthur Newton	25 00	
		$250 96
Paid:		
Frank Marshall, 138 posts	$16 50	
Freeman Brown, mowing cemetery	6 00	
		$ 22 50
Balance		$228 46

Abatements, 1910 (J. P. E.)

John S Harlow, error- real estate	$ 8 75
Herbert L Whittemore, fire- real estate	20 00
George Allen, moved- personal	50
Joseph Arsenault, moved- poll	3 00
Walter Chase, minor- poll	3 00
Frank Field, moved- poll	3 00
Aurthur Holman, minor- poll	3 00
Harold Holman, moved- poll	3 00
Melvin Holman, deceased- poll	3 00
Walter Holman, moved- poll	3 00
Flavel Knight, paid in Peru- poll	3 00
Martin Moy, moved- poll	3 00

George Pretty, moved- poll	$ 3 00	
Delbert Smith, moved- poll	3 00	
Walter Smith, moved- poll	3 00	
W S Thomas, sickness- poll	3 00	
Guy E Webster, poor- real and pers. estate and poll	6 10	
Elvira Whitney, poor- real estate	1 30	
		$75 65

Unpaid Taxes

All taxes have been paid and full settlement made with collector.

Unappropriated Funds in Treasury

Feb. 16, 1910, Balance	$427 47	
Interest from Portland Trust Co	2 29	
From State, refund of dog tax	77 92	
A J Marsh, auctioneer's license	2 00	
H C Pratt, billard license	10 00	
S L Hammons, billard license	10 00	
Interest from Fidelity Trust Co	62	
Circus license	1 00	
From State, refund of R R and Tel. tax	16 80	
Overlay	411 83	
Supplementary tax	11 75	
Error in interest, Riverside Cemetery Fund,	3 30	
		$974 98

Transferred to Cemetery funds:

Eustis fund	$109 44
Riverside cemetery	43 30
H M Glines	2 00
T V Knowles	2 00

Paid:

Albion Holman, services as selectman, 1909-'10	$ 65 00	
Frank Brown, services as selectman, 1909-'10	60 00	
M W Forster, services as selectman, 1909-'10	75 00	
George P Stanley, services as town clerk, 1909-'10	19 45	
John S Harlow, services as treas'r, 1909-'10	75 00	
J P Edmunds, services as constable and truant officer, 1909-'10	35 00	
Transferred to roads and bridges, (winter work)	85 09	
Transferred to interest on time orders	27 22	
Abatements 1910 tax, J P Edmunds	75 65	
		$674 15
Balance		$300 83

Insurance

Appropriation	$50 00	
Paid J P Johnston, Agt	36 00	
Balance		$14 00

Dixfield Free Public Library

Appropriation	$200 00
Paid Dixfield Free Public Library	$200 00

In Payment of Time Orders Due

Appropriation		$1,000 00
Paid Fidelity Trust Co., No. 620	$500 00	
Lelia M Forster, No. 584	500 00	
		$1,000 00

Interest on Time Orders

Appropriation	$640 00	
Transferred from unappropriated funds in treas'y,	27 22	
		$667 22

Paid:

Hortense B Torrey	$20 00	
Eugene L Torrey	20 00	
J P Johnston	22 81	
J P Johnston	10 00	
Hortense B Torrey	14 00	
M W Forster	1 40	
Lelia M Forster	26 40	
Verdurina Ludden	20 00	
J P Johnston	8 00	
Fidelity Trust Co	10 00	
Hortense B Torrey	20 00	
Eugene L Torrey	20 00	
Zerua E White	60 00	
J P Johnston	32 81	
Hortense B Torrey	14 00	
E E Brown	61 20	
Fidelity Trust Co	6 67	
Lelia M Forster	8 33	
Verdurina Ludden	20 00	
Lelia M Forster	1 20	
Lelia M Forster	16 40	
J P Johnston	8 00	
Hortense B Torrey	20 00	
G P Torrey	48 00	
Zerua E White	60 00	
W G Harlow	60 00	
E E Brown	20 00	
P W Torrey	18 00	
Eugene L Torrey	20 00	
		$667 22

Interest Bearing Outstanding Time Orders

Issued by previous boards of selectmen.

Date	No.			
Nov. 16, 1907,	530	G P Torrey.....	$ 300 00	
June 5, 1908,	102	McGreggor Brothers, (held by J P Johnston).....	1,140 63	
June 29, 1908,	142	Elmer Brown.....	1,000 00	
				$2,440 63

Issued on account of temporary loan authorized at special town meeting March 15, 1909.

Date	No.			
Apr. 1, 1909,	608	G P Torrey.....	$500 00	
" 1, "	609	J P Johnston.....	500 00	
" 8, "	689	G P Torrey.....	200 00	
May 29, "	695	G P Torrey.....	200 00	
June 30, "	698	Lelia M Forster,	219 90	
Jan. 1, 1910,	702	M W Forster, (held by Lelia M Forster).....	64 91	
				$ 1,684 81

Issued on account of new school house.

DATE	NO.		
1909			
June 16,	103	Zerua E White..... Due July 1, 1919	$1,000 00
" "	104	W G Harlow..... Due July 1, 1915	1,000 00
July 1,	108	Verdurina Ludden... Due July 1, 1916	1,000 00
" "	109	J P Johnston..... Due July 1, 1914	400 00
" "	110	Lelia M Forster..... Due July 1, 1914	600 00
Aug. 3,	197	Zerua E White..... Due Aug. 3, 1918	1,000 00
" 4,	198	Hortense B Torrey.. Due Aug. 4, 1912	1,000 00

DATE	NO.			
1909				
Aug. 4,	199	Eugene L Torrey..... Due Aug. 4, 1913	$1,000 00	
" 2,	225	P W Torrey..... Due Aug. 2, 1917	300 00	
" 28,	256	Zerua E White..... Due Aug. 28, 1911	300 00	
" "	257	Zerua E White..... Due Aug. 28, 1917	700 00	
Oct. 30,	424	Hortense B Torrey, Due Oct. 30, 1911	700 00	
				$ 9,000 00
				$13,125 44

Financial Standing of Town

Liabilities

Outstanding int. bearing orders.....	$13,125 44	
Cemetery funds held in trust.....	1,600 00	
Road bills (summer) outstanding, estimated.....	16 37	
		$14,741 81

Assets

Due from State on account of high school.....	$ 500 00	
Due from State on account of State pensions.....	72 00	
Cash in Treasury.....	1,069 33	
		$ 1,641 33
Net am't of liabilities.....		$13,100 48

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE W. FORSTER,
ALBION HOLMAN,
FRANK BROWN,
Selectmen of Dixfield

Condensed Balance Sheet

Accounts	Credits	Total Cr.	Payments	Overdrawn	Unexpen'd
Common School: Balance,	$ 31 93				
Appropriation,	2,000 00				
From other sources,	1,933 71	$3,965 64	$3,858 29		$ 107 35
Orders drawn,					
Free High School: Balance,	183 00				
Appropriation,	550 00				
From other sources,	95 00	818 00	1,110 00	*$292 00	
Orders drawn,					
Laboratory: Balance,	101 87	101 87			
Orders drawn,			39 57		162 30
School B'ks & Supplies: Bal.,	61 93				
Appropriation,	300 00				
From other sources,	2 10	364 03			
Orders drawn,			259 25		104 78
School Repairs: Balance,	1 96				
Appropriation,	300 00	301 96			
Orders drawn,			191 83		110 12
New School House: Balance,	27 13	27 13			
Orders drawn,			4 50		22 63
Insurance: Appropriation,	50 00	50 00			
Orders drawn,			36 00		14 00
Payment of Time Orders Due: Appropriation,	1,000 00	1,000 00			
Orders drawn,			1,000 00		
Interest on Time Orders: Appropriation,	640 00				
From Unappro. funds,	27 22	667 22			
Orders drawn,			667 22		
Sewer Repairs: Receipts,	101 75	101 75			101 75
Hydrant Rental: Approp.,	300 00	300 00			
Orders drawn,			300 00		
Memorial Day: Balance,	25 35				
Appropriation,	25 00	50 35			
Orders drawn,			50 35		
District. Supt.: Balance,	33 75				
Appropriation,	150 00	183 75			
Orders drawn,			150 00		33 75
Municipal Town Officers: Appropriation,	615 00	615 00			
Orders drawn,			613 36		1 64
Roads and Bridges (Summer): Balance,	119 72				
Appropriation,	2,500 00	2,619 72			
Transf'd to Winter $,			875 00		
Orders drawn,			1,725 99		18 73
Roads and Bridges (Winter): Balance,	100 16				
From Summer $,	875 00				
From Unapp. funds,	85 09	1,060 25			
Orders drawn,			1,060 25		
State Highway: Approp'tion,	200 00	200 00			200 00
Miscellaneous Town Ch'ges: Balance,	41 38				
Appropriation,	500 00				
From other sources,	119 50	660 88			
Orders drawn,			562 56		98 29
Support of Poor: Appro'tion,	400 00				
From other sources,	37 80	437 80			
Orders drawn,			300 73		42 16
Cemetery Funds in Trust: Balances,	156 74				
Appropriation,	64 00	220 74			
Orders drawn,			93 44		
Error in interest,			3 30		124 00
Unapp'ted Funds in Treas'y: Balance,	427 47				
From other sources,	547 51	974 98			
Orders drawn,			329 45		
Transf'd to other Accts.,			209 05		
Abatements, 1910 taxes,			75 05		360 53
				291 00	1,432 53
Less Amount Overdrawn,					291 00
					1,141 33
Cash in Treasury,	1,069 33				1,141 33
One $ State Pensions,	72 00				
*One from State,					
$ High School,	500 00				

Report of Road Commissioner

WINTER WORK, 1910-'11

Bills outstanding Feb. 15, 1910

NO.			
224	Elmer Flagg	$ 3 55	
225	D B Holman	13 20	
226	W N Reed	4 60	
			$ 21 35

Labor for 1910-'11

NO.		
1	E D Packard	$ 7 19
2	O L Paine	14 00
3	Elmer Flagg	5 57
4	E E Haines	2 27
6	G I Fletcher	3 50
7	D B Holman	5 60
8	M E Gould	4 35
9	Fred Hannaford	8 75
10	L F Turner	3 15
11	M H Turner	1 57
12	W N Andrews	5 44
13	C H Eustis	5 00
14	C D Whittemore	2 40
15	C A Butterfield	1 67
23	Jason S Adams	8 00
24	E T Merrill	8 00
25	G M Walton	11 30
34	Geo. P Flagg	1 75
48	Geo. E Wright	5 00
51	W E Wright	4 20
53	O J Coolidge	2 80
54	Ronald Burke	4 17
57	W H Staine	5 00
81	D W Harvey	2 40
82	E E Holman	9 30
86	W E Towle	2 12

NO.		
90	D E Smith	$ 7 75
92	Albion Holman	4 60
93	C E Coolidge	5 40
94	J E Tucker	4 60
95	R M Burnham	6 00
96	W W Rollins	12 20
97	Alvah Waite	6 60
100	J A Adams	3 48
115	B D Coolidge	3 50
116	H L Whittemore	5 00
123	D M Torrey & Son	1 92
127	Geo. L Lothrop	3 00
138	D C Coolidge	8 40
147	A C Childs	3 60
166	L N Masterman	6 53
167	Charles S Gould	4 00
173	E D Packard	7 96
180	W W Rollins	33 20
181	Alvah Waite	32 20
182	R M Burnham	14 65
183	John Tucker	14 80
184	C E Coolidge	14 80
185	Orie J Coolidge	6 80
186	Delbert Coolidge	12 80
187	W E Wright	12 93
188	Geo. E Wright	14 76
189	Marian Doughlass	24 15
190	Albion Holman	14 20
191	Irvin Dean	8 15
192	W T Chandler	25 90
193	Ralph Walton	7 95
194	G M Walton	14 78
195	Fred Hannaford	14 30
196	Elmer Flagg	4 60
197	Charles C Smith	18 75
198	D E Smith	28 80

NO.		
199	C F Porter	$ 4 01
200	Geo. L Lothop	8 00
201	D B Holman	5 60
202	Fred Weld	9 68
203	Geo. P Flagg	4 40
204	H L Whittemore	54
205	D W Harvey	7 88
206	I O Babb	2 70
207	Alphonzo Whitman	5 60
208	W M Andrews	8 03
209	Peter Russell	12 26
210	D D Holman	3 60
211	Arthur Weld	3 68
212	W F Drown	9 65
213	W M White	2 45
213½	Harris Fish	6 32
214	E C Whittemore	3 00
215	E E Holman	28 00
216	Myron Holman	7 88
217	M E Gould	3 50
218	A L Carlton	3 82
219	M E Reed	12 00
220	John F Grover	19 50
221	A C Childs	60
222	Leon Smith	4 73
223	Walter H Smith	18 30
224	W E Smith	5 53
225	Alton Coolidge	5 25
226	Alton Babb	2 97
227	L G Blanchard	8 80
228	M L Walton	7 50
229	E D Packard	31 76
230	J G Hutchinson	5 20
231	Masterman & Ward	15 92
232	Bert D Coolidge	4 33
233	P W Torrey	14 52

NO.			
234	D M Torrey & Son	$ 6 11	
235	Guy E Webster	1 23	
236	V B Young	2 97	
237	Milo Dean	1 40	
238	Carl E Towle	6 12	
239	J W Adams	40 68	
240	L F Turner	3 85	
241	C A Butterfield	7 94	
242	G I Fletcher	6 30	
243	F W Morrison	12 60	
244	V Holman	4 38	
245	A G Howard	2 10	
246	E H Dugas	2 55	
247	W N Reed	2 80	
250	E T Merrill	40 70	
251	K K Brackett	22 00	
252	Jason S Adams	28 75	
596	Charles J Howard	1 35	
	Total		$1,060 25
	Amount available	$975 16	
	Overdrawn	85 09	
			$1,060 25

SUMMER WORK, 1910

NO.		
5	Gates & Harlow	$ 18 00
16	A D Wentworth	31 50
17	E T Merrill	24 75
18	Will Penley	6 13
19	Herbert Blaisdell	5 25
20	Grover Merrill	11 37
21	Alton York	10 50
22	Harry Pinkham	10 50
26	Harry Pinkham	18 80

NO.		
27	A D Wentworth	$ 51 60
28	Alton York	18 80
29	Fred Penley	18 37
30	Herbert Blaisdell	18 37
31	Grover Merrill	14 87
32	E T Merrill	47 25
33	J H Whittemore	7 00
35	J H Whittemore	10 50
36	A D Wentworth	10 50
37	A D Wentworth	37 52
38	Harry Pinkham	13 12
39	Fred Penley	3 50
40	Herbert Blaisdell	1 75
41	E T Merrill	4 50
42	Geo. T Porter	35 00
43	Coney W Severy	1 75
44	M W Forster	6 82
45	Forster Mfg. Co	5 00
46	Clark Foundry Co	2 80
47	Fred Hannaford	22 50
49	E D Packard	4 25
50	Leon Smith	63 00
52	C F Porter	55 00
55	E E Holman	40 50
56	Geo. I Fletcher	5 75
58	W H Staine	10 75
59	W F Drown	16 37
60	W E Towle	3 75
61	F M Marshall	2 25
62	Arthur Weld	62 12
63	C F Porter	12 00
64	Carl Towle	12 25
65	S V Harlow	3 50
66	G H Towle	4 37
67	Ellery Porter	3 50
68	W E Wright	14 00

NO.		
69	D D Holman	$ 74 25
70	Irvin Dean	9 25
71	Frank Holman	5 25
72	Albion Holman	7 50
73	Dennis Russell	45 41
74	D B Holman	23 90
75	O J Coolidge	7 00
76	Geo. Lothrop	6 12
77	Ervin Fuller	3 50
78	Merton Holman	5 25
79	Geo. T Porter	70 00
80	D W Harvey	6 00
83	A D Wentworth	6 75
84	W L Paul	17 28
85	E E Brown	2 75
87	W C Porter	38 50
88	W M Andrews	1 73
89	W N Reed	4 50
91	D E Smith	1 75
98	G A Severy	15 89
99	W L Paul	65 65
101	O L Paine	12 12
102	W L Paul	3 64
103	Elmer Flagg	12 00
104	Joseph LeClair	7 52
105	Geo. Lothrop	1 75
106	D B Holman	2 50
107	Geo. A Hiscock	2 14
108	B F Thomas	1 30
109	C L Oldham	1 00
110	Frank Holman	3 08
111	Albion Holman	1 75
112	C D Holman	2 62
113	Irvin Dean	2 62
114	G A Severy	5 39
117	C E Coolidge	7 12

NO.		
118	B D Coolidge	$ 13 02
119	E D Packard	5 25
120	Harry Coolidge	3 50
121	O J Coolidge	1 75
122	Merton Holman	1 75
124	Valoras White	2 25
125	Concord F & M Co	12 00
126	N E Metal Culvert Co	117 48
128	A D Wentworth	16 50
129	E T Merrill	4 50
130	Hazen Cochran	3 50
131	Maurice Horn	1 75
132	Nathan Small	1 75
133	H H Skolfield	1 50
134	A H Stockbridge	6 00
135	E F Taylor	5 25
136	E E Brown	10 00
137	J P Edmunds	2 20
139	C F Porter	9 00
140	Ellery Porter	3 00
141	Leon Smith	2 00
142	Charles J Howard	1 75
143	S D Rand	1 75
144	D D Holman	1 75
145	Geo. I Fletcher	5 25
146	A H Stockbridge	1 61
148	Elsworth Haines	2 00
149	A D Wentworth	22 50
150	Eugene Taylor	5 00
151	Arthur Frost	1 52
152	Jule Bordeau	3 50
153	E D Packard	5 25
154	D M Torry & Son	3 30
155	Geo. Lothrop	14 00
156	Petre Delpe	8 75
157	O J Coolidge	5 25

NO.			
158	C E Coolidge	$ 4	37
159	W C Porter	18	25
160	Geo. T Porter	45	00
161	Geo. A Hiscock	2	51
162	L G Blanchard	10	50
163	Alton Coolidge	5	25
164	Joseph Hannaford	1	75
165	E T Merrill	2	00
168	Henry Thayer	10	98
169	C L Dillingham	3	65
170	Fred Morrison	1	75
171	M L Walton	5	25
172	J H Smith	1	00
174	W E Wright	1	75
175	G P Torrey	1	27
176	Irvin Dean	4	37
177	Charles Smith	4	50
178	D E Smith	3	50
179	Geo. E Wright		87
248	Frank Brown	2	25
249	A D Wentworth	2	00
253	Geo. T Porter	36	00

Total	$1,742 36
Unexpended	2 36
Amount available	$1,744 72

Road order No. 59 outstanding, $16.37

GEO. T. PORTER,

Road Commissioner.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John S. Harlow, Treasurer

—*Dr.*—

1910		
Mar. 1,	To balance old account	$ 1,245 64
" 1,	To Cash from town of Mexico, tuition common schools, fall term, 1909,	25 00
Apr. 14,	Cash from Andrew J Marsh, auct'r's license	2 00
" 14,	Cash from State treasurer, dog license 1909 refunded	77 92
" 14,	Cash from Portland Trust Co., interest to April 1	2 29
May 10,	Cash from Henry C Pratt, billiard license	10 00
" 10,	Cash from Seth L Hammons, billiard license	10 00
" 10,	Commitment, State, County and Town tax, 1910	13,132 90
June 11,	Cash from Percy Childs, tuition common schools	10 00
" 11,	Cash from Lena Raymond, tuition common schools	5 00
" 20,	Cash from R B Sanders, plank	75
" 30,	Cash from Frank H Gilcreas, town clerk, dog license 1910	96 00
July 1,	Cash from town of Mexico, account Arthur Downs	20 14
" 1,	Cash from Fidelity Trust Co., interest to date	62
" 16,	Cash from M T Judkins, entering sewer	25 00
" 19,	Cash from F H Keene, entering sewer	25 00
" 22,	Cash from N D Marsh, entering sewer	25 00

1910		
July 26,	Cash from Harris circus, license.....$	1 00
Aug. 1,	Cash from Chas. Durrell, acc't Lena Durrell.....	17 75
Nov. 7,	Cash from Ira O Babb, tile pipe.....	1 00
Dec. 6,	Cash from O E Paine, entering sewer.....	25 00
" 8,	Cash from F G Wadsworth, school supplies sold.....	2 10
" 22,	Cash from State treasurer, account sheep killed 1909.....	35 50
" 30,	Cash from State treasurer, account R R and Tel. tax.....	16 80
" 31,	Cash from Mrs. N E Babb, tuition high school, fall term, 1909, one half of same.....	5 00
1911		
Jan. 2,	Cash from State treasurer, school and mill fund.....	1,063 17
" 2,	Cash from State treasurer, common school fund.....	750 54
" 4,	Cash from State treasurer, account sheep killed, 1910.....	84 00
" 6,	Cash from Albert Hall, tuition common schools.....	10 00
" 6,	Cash from N B Woodsum, tuition common schools.....	5 00
" 27,	Cash from town of Peru, tuition high school.....	90 00
" 27,	Cash from Percy Childs, tuition common schools.....	20 00
" 27,	Supplementary tax, committed to J P Edmunds.....	11 75
		$16,851 87

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1910			
Apr.	5, By	Paid Rosamond E Waite, State pension quarter ending Mar. 31, '10, $	9 00
"	8,	Paid Ella F Kenerson, State pension quarter ending Mar. 31, '10,	18 00
July	6,	Paid Rosamond E Waite, state pension quarter ending June 30, '10,	9 00
"	9,	Paid Blanche Kenerson, State pension quarter ending June 30, '10, account certificate No. 1,085.....	18 00
Sep.	19,	Paid State treas'r, dog license, '10,	96 00
"	27,	Paid county tax, 1910.....	681 26
Oct.	4,	Paid Rosamond E Waite, State pension, quarter ending Sep. 30, '10,	9 00
1911			
Jan.	2,	Paid Rosamond E Waite, State pension, quarter ending Dec. 31, '10,	9 00
"	2,	Paid State tax, 1910.....	2,200 81
		Orders paid and cancelled.....	12,732 47
		Balance, cash on hand.....	1,069 33
			$16,851 87

JOHN S. HARLOW,

Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Vital Statistics According to Returns Made to This Office to February 15, 1911

Marriages

DATE	NAMES
Feb. 12, 1910	William L Andrew Lillie B Rose
" 16,	Eben N Hutchinson Sadie M Willoughby
Mar. 6,	George W Brown Marguerite E Staples
" 27,	William C Porter Mary Evelyn Whitney
Apr. 3,	Mertice L Walton Charlotte C Robertson
" 14,	Edward A Haynes Christina H Whittier
June 1,	William B Loggie Maggie M Frost
" 8,	Frank Holman Abbie S Bangs
" 20,	Edgar Manley White Ina Beatrice Burgess
" 25,	Roy Alston Newton Edna Mabel Smith
" 30,	Arthur N Stowell Lila G Rand
Aug. 6,	Wallace Floyd Holman Alta Belle Brush
" 13,	Sewall A Mayhew Anna C Small
Sept. 7,	George S Holman Florence Marsh
Oct. 8,	Arthur C Frost Blanche L Kenerson

DATE	NAMES
Oct. 11, 1910	Thomas P Holt Mary S Stowell
" 26,	Walter M Holman Elizabeth C Lee
" 29,	Fred A Whittemore Agnes Easter
Nov. 11,	John A Putnam Jr. Myrtle Houston
" 30,	John Alfred McIntire Abbie Matilda Demerritt
Dec. 14,	Grover L Merrill Susie Weld
" 24,	Cecil I Putnam Etta A Demerritt
" 31,	John E Tucker Alice Gertrude Dill
Feb. 5, 1911	Herbert C Howard Norma B Weld

Births

DATE OF BIRTH	PARENTS	SEX
Mar. 21, 1910,	To Mr. & Mrs. Clifton E Dunham,	Daughter
" 26,	Walter L Jackson,	"
Apr. 5,	John A Tupper,	"
May 14,	Arthur E Whittemore,	Son
" 22,	Laforest O Collins,	"
" 24,	Frank Fish,	"
" 31,	Harry E Coolidge,	"
June 27,	Chas. A Butterfield,	"
July 21,	Henry G Jones,	"
" 29,	Delmont A Adams,	Daughter
Aug. 8,	Geo. C Gray,	Son
" 15,	Dana M Rand,	Daughter
Sep. 11,	Geo. M Whittemore,	Son
" 16,	Archer P Kidder,	"
Oct. 22,	Fred A Penley,	"
" 25,	O L Paine,	"

Nov. 8, 1910,	To Mr. & Mrs.	Walter H Smith,	Son
" 14,		Walter E Wright,	
" 21,		William C Porter,	Son
" 29,		Warren W Rollins,	"
Dec. 2,		L Linwood Haines,	Daughter
" 13,		G Cleveland Frost,	"
" 15,		Fred Hartley,	Son
Jan. 5, 1911,		Fred W Kidder,	"
" 10,		Ruel M Burnham,	Daughter
" 14,		Geo. W Brown,	"

Deaths

DATE	NAME	AGE yrs.	mos.	days
Feb. 21, 1910,	Calvin Rose,	79	1	11
Mar. 27,	Albion L Douglass,	61	5	16
Apr. 21,	David Barrett,	65	10	21
May 14,	James C Danforth,	79	3	0
June 6,	Elizabeth J Eaton,	90	3	23
" 27,	Infant Butterfield,	0	0	0
" 29,	Eben S Swett,	66	10	15
" 29,	Ella F Kenerson,	50	0	23
" 24,	Mildred E Newton,	1	0	1
Aug. 26,	Viola D Holt,	72	10	16
" 29,	Chas. M Chase,	66	5	15
Sep. 5,	Marion Holman,	70	5	24
" 22,	Sophila H Buck,	76	0	30
" 28,	Harold L Eustis,	3	1	22
Nov. 3,	Melvin Holman,	63	4	3
" 14,	Infant Wright,	0	0	0
" 31,	Infant Porter,	0	0	0
Dec. 26,	Geo. Edwin Whittemore,	0	3	14
" 31,	Marcellus E Tucker,	64	8	0
Jan. 14, 1911,	Emma L McLaughlin,	70	1	13
" 30,	Susan Hill,	88	10	0

Dogs Licensed After April 1, 1910

Number that were taxed, 72.

66 males	$66 00	
6 females	30 00	
		$96 00

Number killed or otherwise disposed of 4:— 3 males and 1 female.

FRANK H. GILCREAS,

Town Clerk.

In Memoriam

Albion L. Douglass

Member of
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
16 Years

Died March 27, 1910

Report of the Superintending School Committee, Dixfield

It is the pleasure of the School Committee to present to the citzens of Dixfield their Annual Report.

We shall need an appropriation of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) for the support of the Common Schools during the ensuing year. This amount includes the cost of instruction, conveyance, janitor service, fuel, lights and tuition.

We shall need for books and supplies for the ensuing year two hundred dollars ($200.00).

The appropriation for repairs should be at least three hundred dollars ($300.00). A good deal of repairing is necessary on some of the rural school buildings.

For our share of superintendence we shall need an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00).

For the support of a "Class A" High School during the ensuring year the town should vote to raise the sum of ten hundred and fifty dollars ($1,050.00). Five hundred and fifty dollars ($550.00) to be raised by the town. Under this Class the town will be reimbursed by the State five hundred dollars ($500.00).

The balance of the labratory and insurance funds will be sufficent to meet the demands for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. WAITE,
WILL S. MARBLE,
JOHN S. HARLOW,
School Board Town of Dixfield

Superintendent's Report

To the Superintending School Committee, Dixfield.

I have the honor to submit herewith my second annual report of the conditions in the schools of the town.

SCHOOL ACCOMODATIONS

The new school building is large enough to accomodate the pupils of the village without overcrowding; but there will be need for extra desks and seats, in the high school room, before the fall term opens in September. It may be necessary, also, to have additional desks in some of the grade rooms.

The rural schools have been repaired in some particulars. Several of the buildings have been equipped with desks taken from the old school building, and the conditions in these schools are some better. It is unfortunate, however, that the citizens of the eastern part of the town, could not agree on the location for a central school, which would admit of the consolidation of the Lancaster, Centre, Towle and Paul districts. The establishment of such a school would be in line with modern educational practice, and tend towards a more efficient training for the children in the rural communities represented. I trust that this matter may be taken up again, and that the citizens will act wisely in the matter, sacrificing, if need be, little personal differences for the good of the children who will be the citzens of the future.

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

During the past year great care has been exercised in the purchase of text-books and supplies. A new method of teaching reading has been introduced into the three lower grades, and it has proved to be a vast improvement over the work of previous years. Citizens and others who have

visited the schools, in which the new books are used, have been very favorably impressed with the work of the pupils. Maps have been purchased for the rural schools, and old worn out text-books have been replaced in some cases. Sanitary drinking fountains have been placed in the new school building, and they are a valuable addition to our equipment. There is need of new books for the spring term, and also a few charts to use in connection with the work in nature study, physiology, geography, etc. Arrangements should be made for fire protection in the new building. At present there are no fire extinguishers, or hose handy in case of an emergency.

A NAME FOR THE NEW BUILDING

The new building should have a name, and money should be appropriated with which to purchase a suitable sign-board. I should like to recommend three names from which a choice may be made, namely:— Longfellow, Emerson, Bryant. The school children will raise money to purchase a bust of the author, after whom the building is named.

TEACHING CORPS

The work of the teachers, on the whole, has been very gratifying. The standard of work in our schools has been raised considerably, because of their efforts. The difficulty in our schools, especially in our rural schools, is that of securing teachers with sufficient training and experience on our present salary basis. We are practically forced to hire teachers for our rural schools who are immature, and in most cases with only a high school training, and without experience. This condition may be made better by raising the salary of teachers' fifty cents per week, each year they are re-elected, until the limit of $12.00 is reached. A teacher starting at a weekly salary of $7.50, would, after one year's sevice, be re-elected at a weekly salary of $8.00, and so on until the limit ($12.00) was reached. This arrange-

ment would make it possible for us to hold our good teachers more than one year, and thus strengthen our teaching staff.

COURSE OF STUDY

The new course of study has been published, and has been applied in the schools of the town. It would be difficult to say just what the final results will be from the new course; but we are confident that a new standard of scholarship will be established, and teachers will not have to guess what to do in this or that grade, as they have done in the past. One of the first discoveries made, as a result of the new requirements, was the one-sided, unsystematic training which many of the pupils had received. This condition was most noticable in the grammar grades, and certain changes have been made which we trust will be for the best interest of the pupils. When teachers change positions, as often as they have in the schools of the town, and each teacher, in taking up her work in the school, changes the course of study to suit her own pleasure, we should expect to find pupils who are strong in some lines of work and weak in others according as the teacher is a lover of one or the other lines of work. Such is not the case, however, when an established course of study exists in the schools, and I should recommend that the present course be adopted for at least three years in order that the schools of the town may be raised to a higher standard of scholarship, and a more practical system of education maintained.

Report of High School Principal

To F. G. Wadsworth, MEXICO-DIXFIELD DISTRICT

Superintendent of Schools.

It is with pleasure that I submit my second annual report of the work in the village schools.

The high school opened in the fall with twenty-six pupils, twelve of whom were upper classmen, and fourteen were first year students seeking admission. Two of the new students failed to pass their entrance examinations, four were conditioned in arithmetic, and one attended for only two weeks. So, there were twenty-three pupils in attendance during the fall term. All have returned for the winter term. Out of the twenty-three, fifteen live outside the village limits, and ten of the fifteen live out of town. There has been an increase in the number attending of 53%. The percentage of attendance in the fall term was 96%, an exceptionally high percentage. All this proves that Dixfield High School has established a good reputation and maintained a high standard during the last two years. The trial of the new course of study last year showed that a few slight improvements could be made. These have been made as you suggested, and the revised course of study is as follows:

High School

College Preparatory Course		*English Course*	
English	5	English	5
Algebra	5	Algebra	5
Latin	5	Physical and Commercial Geography	5
Ancient History	5	Ancient History	5

SECOND YEAR

English	3	English	3
Plane Geometry	4	Plane Geometry	4
English History	3	European History	4
Latin	5	Geology and Botany	4
French or German	5	French or German	5

THIRD YEAR

English	3	English	3
Advance Algebra and Solid Geometry	3	Commercial Arithmetic and Book-keeping, or Solid Geometry	5
Latin	5	Physics	5
Physics	5	English History	3
French or German	4	French or German	4

FOURTH YEAR

English	4	English	4
Latin	5	Advance Algebra	4
French or German	3	French or German	3
Chemistry	5	Chemistry	5
American History	3	U. S. History and Civil Government	4

As stated in the report last year, the principle underlying this course of study is, "Teach the *pupil* what he needs to know." The student preparing for college and the student preparing for life have equal opportunities in this course and an equal standing in the school. The course is made for the good of the pupil. Those intending to enter college will find the College Preparatory Course best adapted to their needs, while those not seeking higher education should follow the Scientific Course. All the work is made very practical. Especially in the Scientific Course, the work is adapted to the problems of real every-day life. Much work is given which is not to be found in text-books; such as the measuring and furnishing of rooms in the building; the measuring and mapping of the school grounds; the

study of the climate, the physical geography and the industries of the state of Maine; and topical discussions in the english and history classes. One of the most valuable subjects introducted is spelling. This has been accomplished by Miss Knight and has proven a great success. The town was very fortunate to sercure her services again. The English work is adapted to the needs of each pupil, and aims to make his everyday speech and correspondence correct, while at the same time it develops a taste for the best literature. The work in science aims to give the pupil such a knowledge of Nature, that he can see her laws and wonders in his everyday life, and life will mean more to him whatever his occupation.

Many additions have been made to the equipment of the high school during the past year. The Dirigo School Improvement League have placed two pictures in the school room, and are contemplating the purchase of a bust of the person for whom the building is to be named. The proceeds of the prize speaking were used to purchase a clock, and the proceeds from the school paper, "The Dix", were formed in to a library fund. Last year "Ridpath's History of the United States", two books on electricity, "Bird Neighbors" and "Lincoln's Life and Speeches" were added to the good library possessed by the school.

The great need of more blackboard space has not been satisfied. Much of the class work must now be done on paper, a process which results in a great waste of time and paper. There should be placed in the laboratory, a cabinet, as it is very inconvenient to hunt for chemicals in a drawer, when they could be found on a shelf at a glance.

In the grammar grades, Mrs. Harmon has given practical work in carpentry to the boys who work in the basement, and to the girls she has given needle work. She has also had a reading table placed in her room. Miss Deering has done very good work in the intermediate room, while Mrs. Lane has continued her excellent work in the primary

room. The new reading books which you selected are proving a wonderful success. Results are accomplished which are so good as to be almost unbelievable until they have been seen. Mr. Dockham has made a very good truant officer, and the improvement in the attendance, especially in the grades, is due largely to him. His work as a janitor also, is highly satisfactory. With the money raised by the pupils from school entertainments and in other ways, a picture and clock have been placed in the grammar room, a picture in the intermediate room and a book-case in the primary room.

The people of the community have co-operated with the teachers in many ways. Many valuable and highly appreciated gifts have been made to the schools during the year. The setting out of the trees around the school grounds was an act for which too much praise cannot be given.

The principal wishes to thank the people of the community for the opportunity of public service which they have given him.

Respectfully submitted,

MERTON T. GOODRICH,

Principal.

The work in the high school has been performed with care, and the teachers are to be congratulated upon the successful methods which they have employed. In Mr. Goodrich we have a scholarly and enthusiastic principal. He has done much to establish a high standard of scholarship in the school.

Miss Night has worked untiringly with her pupils. Her training has been broad and thorough, making it possible for her to do justice to the subjects which she has had to teach.

The report of the progress of the work in the grades, which is included in Mr. Goodrich's report has my hearty approval and endorsement.

Truant Officer's Report

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I respectfully submit the following report of my services as truant officer, for the school year ending Feb. 1, 1911.

Number of cases investigated	60
Number returned to school	25
Excusable absences	35
Called to East Dixfield	1
Called to Dixfield Centre	2
Called to Lancaster District	1

Respectfully yours,

G. W. DOCKHAM,
Truant Officer.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance in our schools has been very good; but there is yet room for improvement. Eighty-eight per cent. is the average attendance for the year, and I believe it is possible to keep the average attendance above ninety per-cent., if the parents will exercise much care in granting permissions to their children to stay at home half-days or whole days as the case may be.

RURAL SCHOOLS

The work in the rural schools, has not been just what we should like to see; but some progress has been made. We have tried to raise the standard of our rural schools by encouraging the pupils to take an interest in Nature Study and Elementary Agriculture and to do practical work in

Arithmetic in connection with their home and school work. The great handicap, however, is the difficulty of securing teachers, who will continue, any length of time, in a school. A business firm that is constantly changing managers can not be very successful, and the same is true of a school that is constantly changing teachers. We must pay our teachers according to their ability and experience if we hope to keep them long enough to be of any value in the education of our pupils.

CONCLUSION

In closing my report I wish to state that the schools of Dixfield are in line for advancement. We have worked for results and results are beginning to show in all departments of our system. It is the duty of the citizens of the town to see to it that means are provided, not only to keep the schools up to a high mark, but to admit of further progress.

I take great pleasure in stating:— that our teachers have done their very best to make the schools a success; that the School Committee have had the best interest of the schools and the town at heart, in all of their actions; that the citizens have co-operated in a very cordial manner in the work of the schools. With the continued support of these forces our schools cannot help but prosper.

Respectfully submitted,

F. G. WADSWORTH,

Superintendent.

Statistical Table of Attendance

SCHOOL	Name of Teacher	Winter Term No.	Winter Term Average	Winter Term Per cent.	Spring Term No.	Spring Term Average	Spring Term Per cent.	Fall Term No.	Fall Term Average	Fall Term Per cent.
High	Merton T. Goodrich	16	15	94.	13	12	92.	23	22	96.
Grammar	Maud E. Prescott	28	26	93.	26	24	92.			
	Nellie A. Harmon							37	35	95.
Intermediate	Annie E. Bibber	27	24	89.	29	24	82.			
	Edna R. Deering							29	26	90.
Primary	Sara C. Lane	34	29	85.	45	42	93.	39	36	93.
Lancaster	Edna Reynolds				12	10	83.			
	Grace Dunning							13	12	92.
Dunn	Mary E. Hutchins				6	4	67.	4	3	75.
Severy Hill	Grace Dunning				8	7	88.			
	Bertha M. White							14	11	80.
Centre	Lillian E. Woodcock				16	12	80.			
	Enola A. Davenport							16	13	81.
Towle	Gladys Holman				14	9	64.			
	Elva M. Smith							14	11	78.
Torrey	Blandine Sturtevant				8	6	75.			
Total		105	94	90.	173	150	86.	189	169	89.

Average attendance for year, 88%

Teachers' Directory, 1909-'10

Name	Address	School	Grade	Training	Salary	Date of 1st Elect.
F. G. Wadsworth	Ridlonville		Superintendent	University of Maine	$1,200.00 per year	1909
M. T. Goodrich	Dixfield	Village	Prin. High School	" "	684.00 " "	1909
Martha G. Knight	"	"	Asst. " "	" "	486.00 " "	1909
Nellie A. Harmon	"	"	Grammar Grades	Salem Normal	10.00 " week	1910
Edna R. Deering	"	"	Intermediate "	Gorham Normal	10.00 " "	1910
Sara C. Lane	West Peru	"	Primary	*Farmington Normal	11.00 " "	1908
Grace Dunning	Dixfield	Lancaster	Rural	Business College	8.00 " "	1908
Elva M. Smith	"	Towle	"	Livermore Falls High	7.50 " "	1910
Enola A. Davenport	"	Centre	"	Phillips High	9.00 " "	1910
Mary E. Hutchins	"	Dunn	"	Bridgton Acd. [Normal	7.50 " "	1909
Bertha M. White	"	Severy Hill	"	Mexico High *Farmington	7.50 " "	1910

*Part Course

Financial Statement

ACCOUNT	Balance Mar. 1, '11	Appropriated Mar. 1, '11	Received from State	Received from Other Sources	Total Available Funds	Total Expenditures	Balance Unexpended
Common School	$ 31.93	$2,000.00	$1,813.71	$120.00	$3,965.64	$3,858.29	$107.35
Books & Supplies	61.93	300.00		2.10	364.03	259.25	104.78
Repairs	1.95	300.00			301.95	191.83	110.12
Insurance		50.00			50.00	36.00	14.00
Laboratory	191.87				191.87	39.57	152.30
Superintendence	33.75	150.00	300.00		483.75	450.00	33.75
High School	143.00	550.00	500.00	135.00	1,328.00	1,119.00	209.00
Totals	$464.43	$3,350.00	$2,613.71	$257.10	$6,685.24	$5,953.94	$731.30

Estimate of Appropriations Needed to Defray Necessary Expenses of the Town for the Municipal Year 1911–1912

For Common schools		$2,000 00
School books and supplies		200 00
Repair of school houses		300 00
Permanent school fund		45 00
District superintendent		150 00
In payment of time orders due		1,000 00
Interest on time orders		640 00
All municipal officers:		
Selectmen	$200 00	
Treasurer	75 00	
Clerk	25 00	
Collector	250 00	
Constable	15 00	
School board	30 00	
Truant officer	10 00	
Dog constable	10 00	
		615 00
Hydrant rental		300 00
Public library		100 00
Support of poor		500 00
Roads and bridges		3,000 00
Snow road roller		125 00
New road machine		225 00
Interest on cemetery funds		66 00
Interest on Rosene Cummings cemetery fund,		25 00
Miscellaneous town charges		500 00
Free high school	$1,050 00	550 00
State road		400 00
Memorial day		25 00

Warrant For Annual Town Meeting

STATE OF MAINE: OXFORD, S S.

To Joseph P. Edmunds, a constable of the town of Dixfield in the said county.

Greeting:

In the name of the state of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Dixfield qualified by law, to vote in town affairs to assemble at Tuscan Opera House in Dixfield village in said Dixfield on the first Monday of March, A. D. 1911, being the sixth day of March, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3d To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the poor for the ensuing year.

4th To choose a town Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5th To establish a rate for collecting taxes and to choose a Collector of taxes for the ensuing year.

6th To see if the town will vote to choose one or more Road Commissioners for the ensuing year.

7th To choose one or more members of the School Committee.

8th To choose all other town officers for the ensuing year.

9th To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Municipal Officers for the year ending February 15, 1911.

10th To see if the town will vote to authorize and direct the Municipal Officers to transfer unexpended balances of appropriations from the past fiscal year to the same accounts for next year.

11th To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise for the maintenance and support of schools, to purchase school books and supplies, to repair school houses, permanent school fund, to pay outstanding time orders due, to pay interest on outstanding time orders, to pay Municipal Officers, including Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Clerk, Tax Collector, Constable, School Committee, Truant Officer, Dog Constable, to pay hydrant rental, Public Library, snow roller, new road machine, to care for the poor, to repair roads and bridges, interest on cemetery funds and all miscellaneous expenses and defray all other charges.

12th To see if the town will vote to continue the Class "A" of Free High School and how much money the town will vote to raise for the support of the same.

13th To see if the town will vote yes or no upon the adoption of the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year 1907 as amended by Chapter 69 of the Public Laws of 1909, relating to the appropriation of money necessary to entitle the town to State aid for highways for the year 1911.

14th To see if the town will raise and appropriate in addition to the amounts regularly raised and appropriated for the care of ways, highways and bridges, the sum of $400.00, being the maximum amount which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year 1907, as amended by Chapter 69, Public Laws of 1909, or such sum of money as it see fit.

15th To see if the town will vote to purchase or have built a snow road roller for use in West part of town.

16th To see if the town will vote to purchase a new road machine.

17th To see if the town will vote to continue Union School District, with town of Mexico.

18th To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

19th To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay the salary of the Union District School Superintendent for the united school districts of Dixfield and Mexico for the fiscal year 1911-'12.

20th To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on all taxes of the assessment of 1911-'12 collected before a specified time and if so, the rate per cent. of such discount and the time limit for payment of taxes to avail of the same.

21st To see how much money the town will vote to appropriate and raise to meet the discount referred to in preceeding Article No. 20.

22d To see if the town will vote to name the new school building, if so what shall it be named.

23d To see if the town will vote to continue the School in the Dunn district.

24th To see if the the town will vote to accept the new list of Jurors as made up by the Municipal Officers.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at Tuscan Opera House at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Dixfield, this 15th day of February, A. D. 1911.

MAURICE W. FORSTER,
ALBION HOLMAN,
FRANK BROWN,
Selectmen of Dixfield.

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